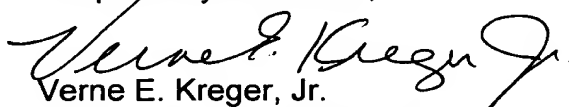


CONCLUSION

Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Account No. 10-0750/END-778/VEK. This Authorization is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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